(b) New zones are created on the basis of their workload, accessibility and other administrative/operational requirements.

Misconduct of Railway officials at Rajdhani accident site

2468. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was gross misconduct by the Railway officials at the accident site of Howrah—Delhi Rajdhani;

(b) whether the railway officials refused to hand over dead bodies to the relatives of the deceased at some particular stage, even after they were identified and post mortems were over; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government against the officials who mistreated people, at the time of such crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Karnataka proposal on re-organisation of Railway Zones

2469. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal of Karnataka Government regarding re-organisation of Railway Divisions and Zones is still pending with Government; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for the delay in this regard; and

(c) by when the proposal is likely to be considered by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) Since the issue of notifications for the new Zones and Divisions by the Ministry of Railways, on 14.6.02 and 4.7.02, several State Governments including the Karnataka Government have sent proposals for new Zones or Divisions and also for changes in their jurisdictions. The Karnataka Government has proposed for Guntakal Division to be a part of South Western Railway, as also

changes in the jurisdictions of Guntakal and Hubli Divisions. The Government stands committed to the notifications of Zones and Divisions as already issued. No changes are contemplated at present.

Milk vendors in EMUs

2470. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether milkmen and vendors virtually takeover the Electrical Multiple Units (EMUs), popularly called shuttles, playing between Faridabad—Delhi, and dump their milk cans in the doorways of the trains;

(b) whether it has become difficult for 50,000 office-goers and students, who commute to Delhi in the EMUs everyday, especially women and the elderly, to alight and enter the shuttles; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to solve the problems of EMUs commuters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Separate bogies are earmarked for milkmen/vendors in Electrical Multiple Units (EMU) trains. In addition, regular and surprise checks are conducted by ticket checking staff to restrict the unauthorized entry of milkmen and vendors in shuttle trains. These checks will be intensified.

Terminal rail station at Anand Vihar

2471. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that decision to convert Anand Vihar railway station into a terminal station has now been finally taken;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the budgetary allocations, the number of proposed platforms, stabling lines and washing lines, completion period and approach roads from East and West side of the station;

(c) whether there is a proposal to develop the Anand Vihar terminal by some private organisation also; and